



**READY FOR ACTION** — They'll be "off and running" at Hollywood Park Wednesday (May 9) and all is in readiness at the luxurious Inglewood track for the 55-day season of thrilling thoroughbred racing. The finest

horses and riders in the country are expected to compete for the nation's richest purses. Post time for the Thursday through Saturday eight-race programs will be 1:45 p.m.

## Hollypark Slates May 9 Opener for 1962 Session

With its stables stocked with top-notch equine talent and its huge plant refurbished in anticipation of record crowds, Hollywood Park is in readiness for the opening of its twenty-third season of thoroughbred racing next Wednesday (May 9). Post time daily for the 55-day meeting that will run through July 23 will be 1:45 p.m.

Heading the inaugural eight-race card will be the \$20,000 added six-furlong Hollywood Premiere Handicap, which is expected to attract several of the nation's fastest sprinters.

Leading up to the opening next week will be two special preview days this weekend. These will be open to the public without charge on Saturday and Sunday (May 5 and 6) starting with the morning work-outs at 7 a.m.

In addition to the training activity and the free guided bus tours of the stable area, which are daily features of the public morning work-outs, there will be several non-betting practice races for young thoroughbreds now undergoing their schooling for the racing competition ahead.

During the Hollywood Park season many of the finest runners in the country will compete for approximately \$3,700,000 in prize money. Such racing classics as the \$162,100 Hollywood Gold Cup and three other hundred-granders, The Californian, Hollywood Derby and Hollywood Juvenile Championship, are expected to bring out the class of the nation's equines.

Jockey Bill Shoemaker, seeking his thirteenth Hollywood riding championship, will be on hand to defend his title from the greatest assemblage of saddlesmiths in the land, including world riding champion Johnny Longden, Ismael Valenzuela, Ralph Neves, Ray York, Pete and Henry Moreno and Braulio Baeza, among others.

Handicap champions Four-and-Twenty, Olden Times, Prove It, Micarlo and others will be battling for "horse of the meeting" honors, while many of the leading Triple Crown candidates and a host of promising two-year-olds, many yet to taste competition, will bolster the two younger divisions.

## Handicapped Warriors Take Third in JC Relays

Without the benefit of one of the top distance runners in the conference, El Camino College spikeaters were handicapped in the Southern California Junior College Relays at Cerritos College last week. Mike Thornton suffered a spiked leg during practice and consequently was forced to scratch from competition.

Warrior Floyd Schmidt leaped 23' 1/4" to take a second-place in the broad jump for El Camino, while teammate Steve Robertson placed in a five-way tie for fifth in the high jump competition, clearing the bar at 5' 10".

In four-way combined efforts for one finishing time, ECC spikeers garnered a third in the 480-yard shuttle hurdles in 59.4 seconds, placed third in the sprint medley relay (440-220-220-880) with a 3:32.4 clocking, took a third in the distance medley with a combined time of 10:42.9 and capped a third in the two-mile relay in 8:13.8.

In the 880-yard relay, Warrior's Schmidt, Dennis Johnson, Glen Oclassen and

Dennis Jett set the new El Camino school record at 1:30.9, while taking a fourth place in the event.

## Torrance Cyclist Gets Two Cracks At Title Friday

Bennie Sims of Torrance, whose strong showing so far has been one of the highlights of the 1962 motorcycle racing season at Ascot Park, will get two shots at the nation's finest cycle riders this weekend at the 183rd and Vermont track.

Sims, who recently moved to Torrance from Albuquerque, N.M., faces a strong field headed by three time main event winner Sammy Tanner, Stu Morley, Al Gunter, Dick Hammer, Jack O'Brien and Neil Keen in the regular flat track program on Friday evening.

On Sunday, Sims will get his first shot at the rugged nine turn steeplechase course when more than 100 riders will be on hand for the first night steeplechase racing card of the season.

Heading the strong field will be national steeplechase champ Dick Dorresteyn of upstate San Pablo, Hammer, Skip Van Leeuwen, Jack Simmons, Clark White, Dave Bostrum, Jimmy Plain and Don Hawley.

Sims has been the top rider among the first year experts and is currently in sixth place in the season point standings. He finished fifth in last week's main event.

Both Friday and Sunday's racing gets under way at 8:30 p.m. with a full 15 event program carded for each night.

**EIGHT MORE**  
The great Early Wynn, who has become a baseball institution, needs only eight victories this season to chalk up his 300th Major League win. This is a coveted milestone that most pitchers can only dream about.

The year 1962 also marks the Chicago White Sox star's 21st year in the Majors and his 25th in professional baseball.

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## El Camino Nine Drops One Over Weekend to LB Vikes

Spoiling an otherwise perfect Easter weekend for El Camino, the Long Beach Vikings took advantage of four Warrior miscues and ganged up on starter John Torok for five runs, more than enough for the 5-1 victory last weekend.

With the victory the Vikes remained champs of annual Metropolitan Conference Easter Tournament with El Camino holding on to the second rung on the ladder.

The Norseman sailed to an early lead in the first inning at Blair Field as EC right fielder Nick Fuscardo dropped lead-off man Downey Thomas' fly ball for a two-bag error.

A walk and a base hit scored Thomas as Bill Gaynor rapped the horsehide for the Viking tally.

Back to back doubles by LBCC Frank Smith and

Doug Meyer produced what turned out to be the Viking winning run in the fourth inning.

Bill Gaynor impressed the home folk in the fifth stanza with a towering home run out of spacious Blair Field.

Long Beach invested heavily in insurance runs with Jim Vikers carrying the fourth run across in the sixth and Jim Jenkins scurrying home with the final clause of the policy on three consecutive singles off loser John Torok.

El Camino's lone run came in the seventh inning. John Ranslem drew a walk from LBCC twirler Jerry Hylton, and Bob Brown drilled the ball to the centerfield wall to score Ranslem from first.

To get into the scramble for top honors El Camino had to down Orange Coast in the Thursday opener, 4-3.

## Vikes Host ECC Nine Friday in Duel

Long Beach invaded Santa Monica yesterday and then hosts the El Camino nine Friday. Bakerfield is at Harbor Friday and at El Camino Saturday.

Last Friday, Bakerfield trailed Santa Monica, 3-1, after two innings and then went on a scoring spree to score a 9-5 triumph. On Saturday, the Renegades led defending champ San Diego all the way (except for a 1-1 tie in the third) and emerged a 4-2 victor.

San Diego and Harbor, which entered the week's

action tied atop the standings with 6-2 marks, each were jolted twice.

Previous to its Bakerfield loss, San Diego was bombed by Valley, 10-1. Harbor was edged by East Los Angeles Tuesday, 4-3, and dropped a 5-2 decision to El Camino, Friday.

Long Beach's 7-0 victory over Valley Tuesday was highlighted by Dave Marshall's homer and two singles and the 3-hit pitching of Joe Stucker.

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